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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,'

I purchase both broadband and landline telephone service through LMI, a Berkeley California independent ISP. I use both fiber (internet) and copper lines DSL (telephone) for the services I receive. These services are critical to me as a practicing attorney and resident of a major urban area, where high speed internet is a necessity because most government and commercial services are only available on the internet, and where the unreliability of internet and cellular telephony in emergencies (because of power outages and increased traffic) is a serious safety concern.

I chose LMI because they provided very competitive rates for all the services I receive, and because they have robust privacy practices and transparent contract provisions, neither of which were available from ATT or Comcast, the service providers I used before LMI. At present, if I were required to use Comcast and/or ATT for the communications services I receive, the cost to me would more than double, and I would be subject to the less protective privacy practices and more onerous contract provisions of both major providers. In addition, I have found LMI's product support services far superior to those provided by Comcast and ATT, and I am not subjected to relentless cross-and-up-selling by their representatives, as is the case with Comcast and ATT.

I am opposed to any rule or regulation change that would decrease competition in broadband and DSL.

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